

Benton County Planning & Environmental



Environmental Programs

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Division Goals

- Provide environmental services to the citizens of Benton County
- Inform the public of environmental services available in Benton County
- Enforce environmental laws and ordinances



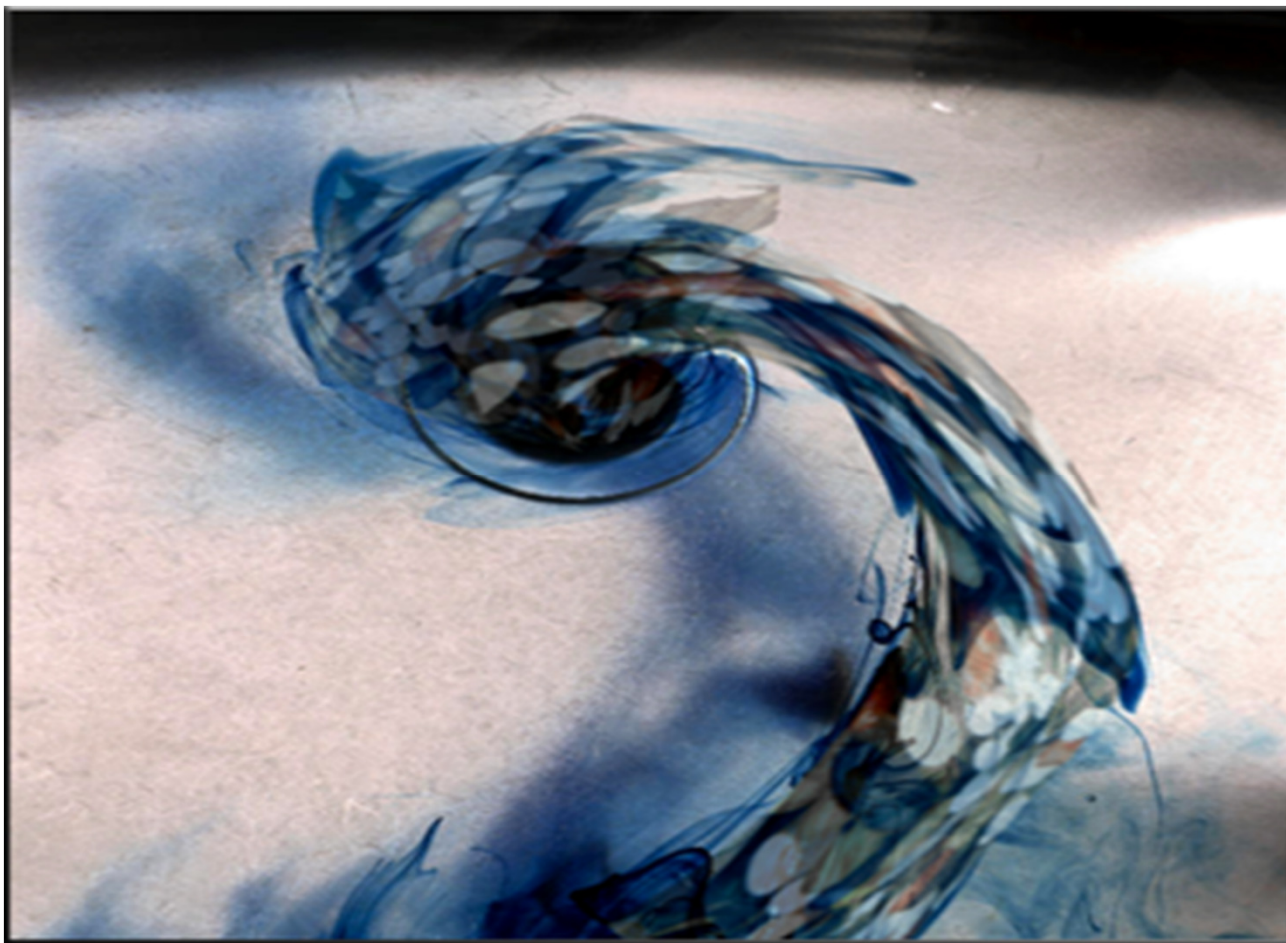
The Adopt a County Road Program promotes roadside litter control and beautification through volunteer cleanups twice a year. The program is the perfect way for individuals, service organizations, businesses or families to make a positive impact on our community!



The Benton County Cleanup was held October 1, 2011. More than 1,500 citizens disposed of bulky household waste such as furniture, electronics, household hazardous waste, paper and tires.



The Convenience Center is located at the Benton County Solid Waste District and is a free drop-off station open to all Benton County residents for bulky household items such as large furniture, electronics, appliances, metal and tires.



Drug Take-back Programs are offered free to citizens to keep drugs from polluting our environment and drinking water. The Sheriff's Office has installed a prescription drug drop-off box in the lobby of their office as well as a monthly collection of unwanted prescription or non-prescription drugs at the county courthouse.



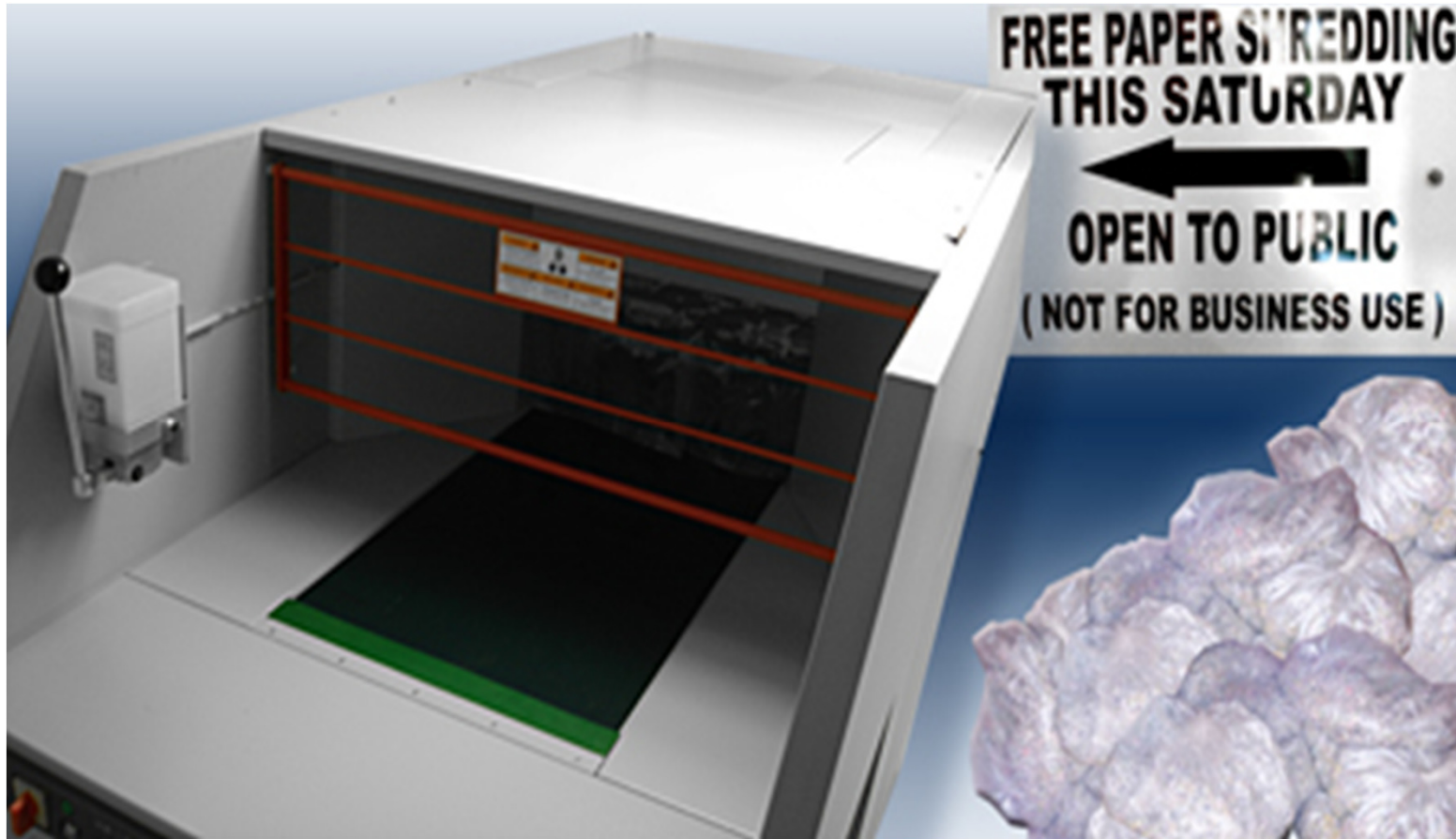
Environmental Education helps our citizens to be wise stewards of the very environment that sustains us, increases student engagement in science and core subject areas, addresses "nature deficit disorder" (a recent study found that children today spend an average of 6 hours each day in front of the computer and TV) and provides critical tools for a 21st century workforce.



Household Hazardous Waste must be handled correctly to protect our environment. Avoiding hazardous products when possible reduces costs and health hazards. The Benton County Solid Waste District will be offering county citizens a HHW disposal facility scheduled to open in February 2012.



Open Burning of refuse, garbage, trade waste, or other waste material is prohibited by Arkansas state air pollution control regulations.



The Paper Shredding Program is offered free to citizens every second Saturday at the Benton County courthouse. Identity theft is a growing problem and shredding confidential documents is one way to help safeguard your privacy.



Recycling Options in Benton County are many and varied.



Waste Options in Benton County are many from dumpster rental, transfer station locations, licensed waste haulers and disposal of waste tires .